

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 4, 9-12, 19-20, and 26 stand rejected in the present Office Action. Claim 11 is being cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 9-10, 12, 19-20, and 26 are being amended. Claim 30 is being added.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for reading on two statutory classes. Claim 12 is being amended to be directed to a system alone.

Claims 1-2, 4, 9-10, 12, 19-20, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarding the invention. Claims 1, 4, 9-10, 12, 19-20, and 26 are being amended to overcome the rejection. For example, claim 1 is being amended to eliminate references identified by the Examiner as vague and indefinite.

Claims 1-2, 4, 9-10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over “The FTC looks at RTO.” The reference is directed to rent-to-own systems in which the renter ultimately purchases the product after renting and in which the rental fee is applied toward the purchase price. The present invention is directed to a completely different approach. In the present invention, users are provided with information regarding cars available for lease or rent, at least some of which may be under lease or rent, and the users can choose to buy cars in the fleet, even while the cars are leased or rented. Unlike the reference, the purchaser (or bidder) is not necessarily the renter. The reference does not disclose or suggest that the purchasers are limited to the current renter.

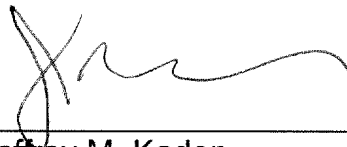
It is believed that claims 1-2, 4, 9-10, 12, 19-20, and 30-31 are in condition for allowance.

If any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1730, Docket No. 5752/001.

The early passage to issue of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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